

IOWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

303 W. Chapel Street
Suite 2200
Dodgeville, WI 53533-1314

Phone: (608) 930-9870
Fax: (608) 937-0501



www.iowacounty.org

January 22, 2021

For Immediate Release

Iowa County Health Department

Director/Health Officer

Debbie Siegenthaler RN, MSN

Case Count at 1762; Dashboard Update

Iowa County – The Health Department reports an increase of 18 cases this past week bringing the total of cases to 1,762. During the previous week, 33 cases were reported, the week prior the increase was 46 cases and the week prior to that, 52 cases. Unfortunately, this week Iowa County added a ninth death to local statistics. The number of individuals that have recovered is 1,731, meaning 31 cases are active. Cases are in all age ranges and across the entire county. See <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/county.htm> for a breakdown of the location of positive cases.

This week's dashboard update saw the percentage of positive cases decrease to 3.8%, down from 5.6% at last Dashboard report, allowing our status to change to green. The average cases reported daily metric has decreased to 4.2, down from last week's average of 5.5, remaining at red status.

"Case numbers continue to decrease which is great news. While we are also excited about the arrival of vaccine, it is very limited. Until we achieve notable levels of vaccine uptake, we still need everyone's actions to continue to prevent transmission," states Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. "Additionally, the variant strains of coronavirus discovered in the UK and elsewhere are concerning. For these reasons, we can't let our guard down when it comes to continued diligence in following public health recommendations," added Siegenthaler. Please continue to:

- Limit indoor gatherings to 10 people or less.
- Limit outdoor gatherings to 25 people or less.
- Post-pone or cancel all non-essential events, gatherings and travel
- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings, especially when difficult to practice physical distancing.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from other people when you leave your home.
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

Iowa County Dashboard Metrics

Epidemiology: Our percentage of positive cases decreased some, now at 3.8%, changing to green. The average cases reported daily metric decreased to 4.2, remaining in the red. The Outbreak metric remains red.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains green with an average of 112 tests performed daily. We encourage anyone with symptoms to contact his/her health care provider to be tested. Local health care

partner's facility use status (represents med surge and ICU capacity) remains green. Staffing status indicates the number of available staff to care for the volume of patients and remains yellow. Critical supply status reflects at least fourteen days' worth of supplies. This metric remains green. Our regional health care infrastructure metric represents regional hospital bed use and has changed to green. Currently there are 79.8% of regional hospital beds in use, down slightly from last week. In addition, 76.9% of total regional ICU beds are in use, also down slightly from last week.

Public Health Status: Community spread decreased to 36%. Our goal is that fewer than 20% of cases have no known source of transmission. This value is a reflection of current information, some data is missing, as not all cases have been in contact with the health department. Our contact tracing efforts are at 86%. This metric is dependent on individuals either answering the phone or returning our calls, which remains an issue. Our health department volume and staffing metric remains yellow.

Emergency Management: Our emergency management partners remains green. PPE demand continues to be up and the supply chain is experiencing issues with gloves, gowns and N95 masks.

School Capacity Indicator Dashboard <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19IowaCountySchoolGuidance>

This dashboard contains metrics from our Iowa County COVID-19 Dashboard along with new case rate metric (per 10,000) in the past two weeks. Today, the new case rate is 25, a decrease from 32 per 10,000 at last dashboard report and the prior week's value of 44.

| <i>Date dashboard was updated</i> | <i>Percent of tests that are positive</i> | <i>Average number of cases reported per day</i> | <i>Average number of tests per day</i> | <i>Outbreaks metric</i> | <i>Percentage of cases contracted by community spread</i> | <i>School Capacity metric: new case rate per 10,000</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------|---|---|
| July 20 | 1.45% | .92 | 42.8 | Red | 46% | -- |
| July 27 | 2.1% | .71 | 33.1 | Red | 30% | -- |
| August 3 | 2.6% | 1.0 | 37.7 | Red | 42% | -- |
| August 10 | 3.9% | 1.71 | 43.6 | Red | 38% | -- |
| August 17 | 4.2% | 2.5 | 60 | Red | 54% | -- |
| August 24 | 3.8% | 2.0 | 53 | Red | 46% | -- |
| August 31 | 3.3% | 1.5 | 45 | Red | 43% | 9 |
| September 8 | 2.0% | 0.93 | 45.4 | Red | 38% | 5 |
| September 14 | 1.3% | 0.64 | 49.7 | Red | 40% | 4 |
| September 21 | 2.6% | 1.79 | 70 | Red | 64% | 11 |
| September 28 | 3.5% | 3.79 | 107.5 | Red | 60% | 22 |
| October 5 | 4.8% | 5.57 | 116.5 | Red | 51% | 33 |
| October 12 | 6.8% | 8.21 | 121 | Red | 43% | 49 |
| October 19 | 7.5% | 11.58 | 153.8 | Red | 41% | 59 |
| October 23* | 7.9% | 11.35 | 142.9 | Red | 43% | 67 |
| October 30 | 8.4% | 11.29 | 133.7 | Red | 42% | 67 |
| November 6 | 11.4% | 16.86 | 148.3 | Red | 42% | 99 |
| November 13 | 14.5% | 26.36 | 181.8 | Red | 41% | 155 |
| November 20 | 14.7% | 30.14 | 205.7 | Red | 43% | 178 |
| November 27 | 12.5% | 26.86 | 215.1 | Red | 44% | 158 |
| December 4 | 9.8% | 16.64 | 169.4 | Red | 43% | 98 |
| December 11 | 8.1% | 11.9 | 147 | Red | 46% | 70 |
| December 18 | 9.6% | 14.43 | 150 | Red | 46% | 85 |
| December 28 | 9.3% | 14.64 | 156.8 | Red | 40% | 86 |
| January 4 | 8.6% | 11.14 | 129.8 | Red | 44% | 66 |

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| January 8 | 8.5% | 7.5 | 89 | Red | 53% | 44 |
| January 15 | 5.6% | 5.5 | 97 | Red | 49% | 32 |
| January 22 | 3.8% | 4.2 | 112 | Red | 36% | 25 |

*Shift in day of dashboard update due to data availability.

Important Sources of Information

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- Iowa County website. <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>
- Upland Hills Health <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- 211 Wisconsin Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources

- [DHS COVID-19 Vaccine page](#)
- [Children's Hospital of Philadelphia](#), COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A
- [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine page](#)
- CDC: [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- CDC: [Safety of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- SDMAC: [State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee](#)
- Upland Hills Health: [What you Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination](#)

Social Media sites:

Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/>

Upland Hills Health on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/>

Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - <https://twitter.com/ICEMWI>

Iowa County Emergency Management on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/icemwi/>

-end-